

**DECISION**



**THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL  
OF THE UNITED STATES**  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20548

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**FILE:** B-214250

**DATE:** February 10, 1984

**MATTER OF:** Work System Design, Inc.

**DIGEST:**

A protest filed after receipt of proposals which alleges ambiguities which were apparent in the solicitation is untimely.

Work System Design, Inc. protests the award of any contract under solicitation No. N00024-84-R-4147(O) issued by the Naval Sea Systems Command for industrial engineering services. Work System alleges that several terms in the solicitation were not clearly defined and thus were indefinite.

Under our Bid Protest Procedures, 4 C.F.R. § 21.2(b) (i) (1983), protests based on alleged improprieties in any type of solicitation which are apparent prior to receipt of proposals must be filed prior to receipt of proposals. B & D Supply Company of Arizona, Inc., B-210023, July 1, 1983, 83-2 CPD 50; Geonautics, Inc., B-212623, August 22, 1983, 83-2 CPD 225. Work System, however, only filed its protest on January 31, 1984, 4 days after the January 27 closing date for receipt of initial proposals. Therefore, our Office will not consider the protest as it is untimely.

The protest is dismissed.

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